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Appellants: Robert A. MacDonald et al.

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For: RETAINING WALL BLOCK

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action of October 8, 2003. Claims 1 and 3 to 15 are under examination. Applicants respectfully solicit reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record in light of the following remarks.

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